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Sent: Thur 8/2/2018 5:11:43 PM
Subject: Time Sensitive Request for Interview or Statement - Yahoo News Request from Tayler
180515 - One Pager - NOI LCR in Newark.docx
180504 - Factsheet - Newark-NRDC-NEW-NJDEP.DOCX

Hi Christine,

I had a brief conversation with Tayler in response to the questions from the reporter. Given the complexities of the LCR and the situation with Newark, it would be best if we put together some talking points for Tayler to use with the reporter. Can you and/or your staff get back to Tayler in the next few hours, with some talking points? My thoughts are:

- NJ has primacy
- LCR is complicated and all states have found they can do better
- EPA identified areas for improvement and NJ responded
- Flint focused and highlighted the complexities/challenges
- The 15 ppb value in LCR is a technology based number not a health number
- Exceeding the 15 ppb is not a violation, but certain actions must be taken including public notification, increased monitoring, system adjustments, and in some cases lead service line replacement
- Suggest including the LCR QuickReference Guide and link to EPA LCR information

Tx-Doug

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Yes – we can refer them to NJDEP. Do you need info for the response regarding what EPA is doing? I’ve attached a few factsheets that may be helpful (they’re basically the same thing – one is just longer/more detailed then the other).

Thanks,

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Hi Doug and Christine,

We obviously don't comment on the lawsuit but I think the last two questions might be a referral to NJDEP... right?

Thanks,
Tayler

From: Michael Walsh [<mailto:mwalsh@yahooneews.com>]
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Hi Tayler,

I hope you are doing well. I'm currently writing an article about NRDC's lawsuit against the City of Newark over the level of lead in its drinking water.

Would someone at EPA be able to provide a statement about what the response to this? Does Newark actually have dangerous levels of lead in its drinking water? And if so, what actions has the EPA taken to make sure Newark addresses this?

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